

**And Jesus said to them,
“I am the bread of life.**



***He who comes to Me shall never hunger,
and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”***

John 6:35

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The *Gospel of Matthew* shows us our need for healing because we are sinners before a righteous God, but Jesus is the one who heals us with His mercy and sacrifice. We welcome you here today and pray that you realize the graciousness of our Savior!

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 628 "Your Table I Approach"

✠ 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 32:5)*

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 50:7-10; antiphon: v. 1

P The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth

C **from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

P Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.

C **I am God, your God.**

P Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

C your burnt offerings are continually before Me.

P I will not accept a bull from your house

C or goats from your folds.

P For every beast of the forest is Mine,

C the cattle on a thousand hills.

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 The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth

C from the rising of the sun to its setting.

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

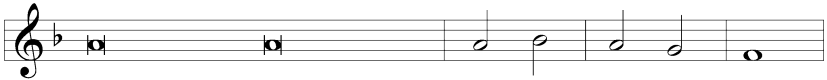
(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



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.
 Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 5:15—6:6

¹⁵I will return again to My place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face,
and in their distress earnestly seek Me.

¹⁶Come, let us return to the LORD;
for He has torn us, that He may heal us;
He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.

²After two days He will revive us;
on the third day He will raise us up,
that we may live before Him.

³Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
His going out is sure as the dawn;
He will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of My mouth,
and My judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalms 145:3, 5b, 6b

P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

C **and His greatness is unsearchable.**

P On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

C **and I will declare Your greatness.**

Epistle

Romans 4:13–25

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the

adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in Him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

Matthew 9:9-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when He heard it, He said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Sermon Text

Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon "Eating at the Table with Jesus"

1. Who shouldn't be eating with Jesus? **The answer:** _____

_____ .

2. Yet Jesus welcomes _____ and _____
_____.

We Will Gather Together at This Table in Joy, in Closeness, in Love, in Forgiveness because of Jesus' Sacrifice and Mercy.

Offertory (Psalm 51:10-12)

LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayers

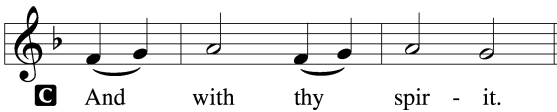
✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

(Psalm 136)



C It is meet and right so to do.

(Meet means fitting, proper)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: *(meet, right, and salutary: proper, correct and beneficial)*

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)* **LSB 195**



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

LSB 196

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.**

The Words of Our Lord (1Corinthians 11:23-25)

LSB 197

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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a half note D, and a whole note E. A fermata is placed over the final E note.

G A - men.

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

LSB 198

A musical score for 'Agnus Dei' in G major and 4/4 time, consisting of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 'O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final fermata on the last note.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Hymn 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Hymn 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"


Hymn 629 "What Is This Bread"

Hymn 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Hymn 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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

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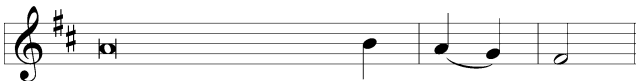


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving (*Psalms 107:1*)

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 A - men.

Installation of Church Officers

Installation of Sunday School Teachers and VBS Teachers and Helpers

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And with thy spir - it.

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.

Closing Hymn 570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

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Calendar of Events

TODAY	June 11, 2023
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
Congregational Potluck.....	11:00 am
MON:	
VBS	9:00 am-11:30 am
TUES:	
VBS	9:00 am-11:30 am
.....Firemen's Festival Today through Saturday.....	
WED:	
Men's Bible Study Breakfast	6:30 am
VBS	9:00 am-11:30 am
THURS:	
VBS	9:00 am-11:30 am
FRI:	
VBS	9:00 am-11:30 am
NEXT SUNDAY – Father's Day	June 18, 2023
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am

Changes from the Church office

Please note the following changes: the deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin will now be on Wednesday at 11:00 am. This will give me time to contact you if I need any clarification so that things are put in the way you would like them. Also, I will be out of the office on Thursdays beginning June 22nd through July 27th. Normal office hours will resume the week of July 31st. Thank you for your help and understanding.

The new Portals of Prayer and Hope-full Living Devotional for July-September are in the tract rack.

Summer Stewardship -- as we head into the summer vacation and travel season, please consider sending your tithes/offerings regularly to St. Paul's as the summer can be most challenging due to lower attendance and school tuition at a standstill. Options to consider are dropping off a check in the offering box in the Narthex before leaving, mailing in a check or setting up E-Tithing. E-Tithing is easily set up by going to the St. Paul's web-site and clicking the button and following the instructions. Blessings to all who are traveling this summer.

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 AM. 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: 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.

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.

Thanks so much to all who attended to help prepare for VBS at the LWML worknight! We had a great turnout with lots of cutting, gluing, etc. to complete all the needed tasks. Beth Miller led the decorating (all of the decorating materials were from the Day School/Preschool Open House) with lots of help from youth and a couple of adult helpers. It was a real blessing to have all the decorating materials which were perfect for the God's Living Water theme.

YOUTH NEWS

Fireman's Festival Table: We will be holding a brief meeting in the school after the service this morning for those Adults and Youth (Grades 6 through High School) planning to volunteer to cover the soda/water table at the Fireman's Festival this week. Please plan to be there so that we can schedule proper coverage.

"Donuts With Dad" Devotion: During the Bible Class / Sunday School time on Sunday, June 18th (Fathers Day), we are providing an opportunity for Youth going into Grades 6 through High School to invite their fathers to a devotion on this special day. We will meet in the gym cafeteria area at 8:30 am. Youth Board will provide donuts and drinks - Youth and fathers just need to bring their Bibles and join in.

Summer Youth Nights: Much like our Youth Nights in the Fall, we will be hosting these opportunities for Youth going into Grades 4 through High School to join in Christian fellowship on a weekly basis. During the Summer, Youth Nights are scheduled for June 21, June 28, July 12, and July 19 from 7-8 pm. We will have various activities each night and end with a snack and devotion. Please join us and bring a friend!

SCHOOL CORNER

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.

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.

Please continue to support St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool and Elementary School by advertising to your family and friends! Our mission is to provide a Biblically based education, and 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.