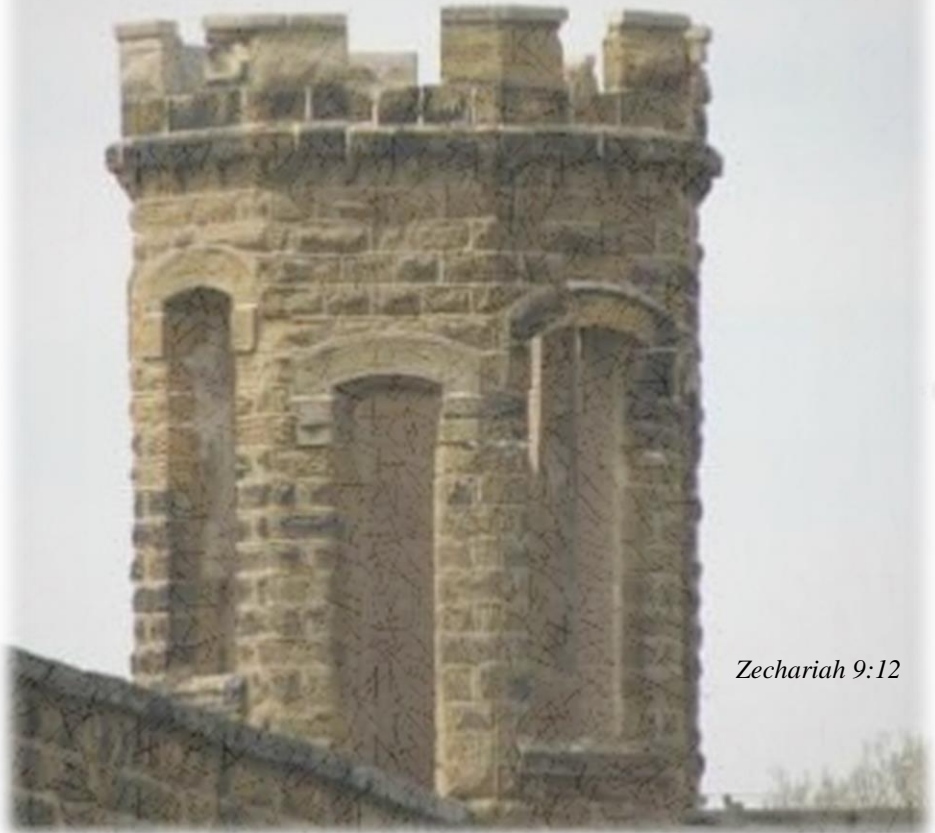


*Return to the stronghold,  
You prisoners of hope.  
Even today I declare  
That I will restore double to you.*



*Zechariah 9:12*

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Our *Old Testament Reading* (Zech 9:9–12) sounds a joyful note to those in bondage . . . and sounds a great deal like either Advent or Palm Sunday. Here during the non-festival portion of the church year, it still announces a compassionate and powerful King who will deliver to us peace, freedom, and joy in the protective custody of certain hope. Welcome to all who worship with us today!

***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 335 "O Bride of Christ, Rejoice"

### ✠ 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 91:2, 9-10; antiphon: v. 1*

**P** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

**C** **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

**P** I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,

**C** **my God, in whom I trust."**

**P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

**C** **the Most High, who is my refuge—**

**P** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

**C** **no plague come near your tent.**

**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** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

**C** **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

**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

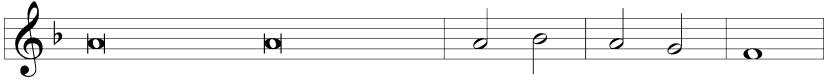
(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



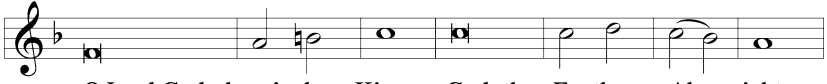
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



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**

*LSB 189*

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*

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

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your King is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is He,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and He shall speak peace to the nations;  
His rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

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

## Gradual

*Romans 11:33, 36*

**P** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**C** **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

**P** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

**C** **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

## Epistle

*Romans 7:14–25a*

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I

see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**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 11:25–30*

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



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

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. <sup>28</sup>Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn 864** "Shepherd of Tender Youth"

**Sermon Text**

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

**Sermon** "Prisoners of Hope"

King Jesus Comes to Bring You under His Reign of Peace, Freedom, and Hope.

1. Jesus restores God \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Jesus offers the peace of \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Jesus' reign has \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Hymn 349** "Hark the Glad Sound"

**Prayers**



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**Preface**

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

(Psalm 136)

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 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

**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*)

LSB 197

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

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

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

LSB 198

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 musical notation for 'Agnus Dei' consists of five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a final cadence.

**Hymn 633** "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**Hymn 625** "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

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

**Hymn 623** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

**Nunc Dimittis** ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2: 29-32) LSB 199

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** (*Psalm 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.



**G** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

LSB 201



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

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

LSB 202

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**G** 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.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn 834** "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"

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## Calendar of Events

<b>TODAY</b> .....	<b>July 9, 2023</b>
Congregational Breakfast.....	8:00 am
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	6:30 am
Special Voters' Meeting.....	After Service
<b>MON:</b>	
<b>TUES:</b>	
<b>WED:</b>	
Men's Bible Study Breakfast .....	6:30 am
<b>THURS:</b>	
1st Thursday Bible Study .....	6:00 pm
<b>FRI:</b>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>July 16, 2023</b>
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING** will be held immediately after worship service today (7/9/23) to discuss and decide on a motion allowing the church treasurer to obtain a formal loan from the church endowment funds, if necessary, in order to pay operating expenses for the church. Voters' meeting will be in the nave/worship area of the church.

### **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: 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.*

**1st Thursday Bible Study** – Since the first Thursday was the week of the 4th of July holiday, we **will be meeting this Thursday, July 13th**. We are ready for Lesson 3 in our study of the Parables of Jesus: The Great Banquet.

**Throughout July, LWML will have an Ingathering for Voice of Care**, a Registered Service Organization (RSO) of LC-MS. Its ministry is to adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Items will be taken to the August District Treatshop. Requested: **CONSTRUCTION PAPER; CRAYONS (24 ct); COLORED PENCILS (12 ct); STENCILS; MARKERS (10 ct); WATER COLORS; STICKERS.** If blessed with an abundance, we will be sharing Colored Pencils and Markers with Day School (regular) and Preschool (washable). **School supplies sales are already starting! Even if you can only provide one item, it will add up.** Thank you in advance.

### **SCHOOL CORNER**

School is out for the summer! Enjoy your vacations students, families, and teachers! We will see you when school resumes on August 14<sup>th</sup>. **Normal School Office hours 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 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).*

*We also take donations, through the SGO scholarships [www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate](http://www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate) and through St. Paul's Tuition Aid Fund (blue envelopes), to help our student families with financial aid. SGO donations receive a tax credit and deduction.*

### **YOUTH NEWS**

**Summer Youth Nights:** Youth Nights will continue on 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!

**Warren Dunes:** On Sunday, July 16th following the church service, we will be taking the High School Youth to Warren Dunes for an afternoon in the sun and water. The Youth Board will provide lunch prior to

departure and snacks for our time at the Dunes; Youth are responsible for bringing money for ice cream afterward. If planning to attend, Youth must sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan accordingly. A parental waiver will be required. If there are any questions, please contact Andy Wildauer.