

*“for My house shall be  
called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”*

*Isaiah 56:7b*



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The *Psalm* for this Sunday has an inclusive view regarding the spiritual kingdom of God, showing an ardent desire that all peoples worship the Lord: “Let all the peoples praise You” (Ps 67:3), “let the nations be glad” (67:4), “let all the ends of the earth fear Him” (67:7).

We welcome 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 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.

**Baptismal Hymn 592** "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

**Baptisms of Gracie Marie Magyar & Maci Marie Magyar**

**Hymn 826** "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

✠ 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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**Introit**

*Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v.8*

**P** The LORD is the strength of His people;

**C** **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

**P** To You, O LORD, I call; my Rock, be not deaf to me,

**C** **lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

**P** Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,  
**C** **when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.**

**P** Blessèd be the LORD!

**C** **For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

**P** The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

**C** **my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.**

**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 LORD is the strength of His people;

**C** **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

**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.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon My salvation will come,  
and My deliverance be revealed. . . .

<sup>6</sup>“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to Him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be His servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast My covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to My holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in My house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on My altar;  
for My house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

<sup>8</sup>The Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”

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

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

## Gradual

*Psalms 34:9, 19*

**P** Fear the LORD, you His saints,

**C** **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

**P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C** **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle

*Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*

<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected His people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. . . .

<sup>13</sup>Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

<sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all.

**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

*Matthew 15:21–28*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send

her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before Him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And He answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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



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

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**C 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  $\ddagger$  everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn 543** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

**Sermon Text**

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

**Sermon** “God’s Kingdom Is Inclusive”

1. God’s kingdom includes \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Thus, God’s kingdom includes people—believers—from \_\_\_\_\_ . They come not only from Israel but from \_\_\_\_\_ .



## Hymn 497 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

### Prayers

#### Lord’s Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**☩ 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.**

### ~ Blessings on Food Donations for Grace Food Pantry ~

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

LSB 166

**☩** 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 837 “Lift High the Cross”

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**The flowers that adorn the altar** are given today by Larry & Grace Winterboer in thanksgiving and celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary. We praise and glorify our Lord and Savior, Jesus, for His abundant blessings.

**Our Annual Naomi Meal** is Saturday, August 26th from 11:30 am – 1:15 pm. Just as Ruth took care of Naomi, our Elders (Board of Lay Ministry) would also like to take care of those who do not have a “voice” in the Voters’ Assembly. Please RSVP & plan to attend. (You could even take time to check out the Rummage Sale while you are here.)

## Calendar of Events

<b>TODAY</b> .....	<b>August 20, 2023</b>
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
<b>MON:</b>	
Pack Evangelism Bags.....	5:00 pm
Board Meetings.....	7:00 pm
<b>TUES:</b>	
Altar Guild – at Elaine’s House .....	6:30 pm
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting .....	6:30 pm
<b>WED:</b>	
Men’s Breakfast Bible Study .....	6:30 am
Day School Chapel .....	11:00 am
<b>THURS:</b>	
Preschool Chapel .....	9:30 am
<b>FRI:</b>	
<b>SAT:</b>	
Naomi Meal in the Bethany Room .....	11:30 am-1:15 pm
PTL Rummage Sale in the Gym .....	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> .....	<b>August 27, 2023</b>
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am

### **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: 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 Coxe.*

**The Hospitality Group would like to thank everyone** who donated meat, vegetables, and money for this month’s lunches. We prepared over 50 meals of meatloaf & roasted vegetables. Thank you for helping with this mission.

**Altar Guild** will meet Tuesday, August 22, 6:30 pm, at Elaine's house.  
Topic: violet pulpit fall.

**The Evangelism Board will be delivering Welcome bags** in Bremen tomorrow, August 21st. Anyone interested in helping please meet at church at 5:00 pm to assemble bags and receive addresses. We should be done with bag delivery before 7 pm. This is a fun way to meet new neighbors and get a little exercise!

**There are Welcome bags in the Narthex** on the coat rack for anyone to give away to someone new; new neighbor, visitor to church, etc. We will pack more as those are given away!

**Thank you to all our crafters** for the wonderful dishcloths we have been putting in the Welcome bags! Thanks also for all your donations and prayers. We look forward to seeing you August 21st. Questions? Contact Deb Burcham or Angie Hughes.

**LifeLight will be held starting September 13th** to November 8th, 2023 from 6:45- 8:15. We will be studying Matthew chapters 1- 13. Matthew wrote his Gospel to prove to his Jewish leaders that Jesus is their Messiah. These sessions introduce Jesus as the Messiah, and proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew further shows Jesus as the Messiah through His miracles, sending the disciples on His Mission, and unlocking the secrets of the Kingdom through Parables. A registration is included in the bulletin for participants to sign up as books will need to be ordered. If you need further information contact Tom Coxey.

**There are several clothing protectors** on the table in the Narthex that were lovingly made by members of our congregation. Please feel free to take one (or more) if you know of anyone who could use them.

**Special Concerns: That we rejoice** that Jesus came to be the Savior of all peoples and that no nation is excluded from His redeeming work.

**For Pastor Rafael & Jamielynn 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.

## SCHOOL CORNER

We have thankfully completed our first week of school with 49 students in the day school and 18 in the preschool. It went well, though we are all a little tired! Continued prayers are appreciated through the year, as we settle into the new year.

**We will still accept students for Preschool and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. 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).* 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!**

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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.**

**CALLING ALL SINGERS AND RINGERS** - It's time to start preparing for the choir season again. Both the adult choir and bell choir will begin on Sunday, September 10th. Bell choir meets at 5:00 and the adult choir meets at 6:00 - both in the balcony of the church. No experience needed - we'll teach you. Those interested in bell choir need to let Ellen Augustine know so music can be marked for the appropriate number of ringers. This is really important when preparing for rehearsal. Anyone interested in adult choir can just show up. We welcome all singing parts. Please come join us in one or both choirs as we sing/ring praises to our gracious Lord. Contact Ellen Augustine if you have questions.

**START CLEANING YOUR CLOSETS!!!** The Rummage Sale is coming this Saturday! **(See back page for more info)** Donations of gently used clothing, books, household goods, furniture, etc will be accepted through August 25th. No big furniture please. You may place your donations on the stage area of the gym. All monetary donations raised will benefit the PTL and help provide the school with busing, field trips, special activities, and more.

### **YOUTH NEWS**

**Jr. High Youth Rally: Today is the last day for Youth in Grades 6-8 to sign up for Camp Lutherhaven's annual Jr. High Youth Rally on September 16-17th.** This is a day and a half of Christian fellowship with other Youth from the Indiana District, Bible study, a guest speaker, and the typical camp activities. Cost per attendee is only \$30, which includes meals and housing. The Youth Board will offset the remaining registration fees. If interested, please sign up on the Youth bulletin board. You must indicate your t-shirt size and a medical waiver is required to attend. Please contact Andy Wildauer with any questions.

**Youth Nights:** Once again we will be hosting Fall Youth Nights on Wednesday evenings in September from 7-8 pm, beginning on September 6th. This is for all Youth in Grades 4 through High School - we encourage St. Paul's Youth in particular to bring a friend to join in a fun activity and Christian fellowship each evening before ending with a snack and brief devotion. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

#### **Servants for Today's Worship August 20, 2023**

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz & Richard Sickman

Acolyte: Karli & Kayli Miller

Elder: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz

#### **Servants for Next Sunday's Worship August 27, 2023**

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger


Ushers: Jim Mitchell & Tyler Schmeltz

Acolyte: Sophia Sahlhoff

Elder: Dave Burcham

Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott



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# **RUMMAGE**

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