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Romans 12:9-12

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Our text (Rom 12:9–21) invites Christians not only to “love one another” (v 10). These words also encourage us to “bless those who persecute you” (v 14). The passage includes the memorably vivid illustration of merciful kindness that “heaps burning coals on your enemy’s head” (v 20). May Jesus bless us to love as He loves.

We welcome you as you 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.

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.

Baptism Hymn 596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

Holy Baptism of Todd Knepper

*Adult Confirmation of Todd Knepper Isaiah 41:10 &
Eric Knepper Joshua 1:9*

Hymn 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

✠ 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 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4

P Delight yourself in the LORD,

C **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

P Commit your way to the LORD;

C **trust in Him, and He will act.**

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C **and your justice as the noonday.**

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;

C **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!**

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 Delight yourself in the LORD,

C **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

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 God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵O LORD, You know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In Your forbearance take me not away;
know that for Your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and Your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by Your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me,
for You had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will You be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before Me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as My mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

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 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”
²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)

LSB 156

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 16:21–28

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You." ²³But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

☒ 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 844 "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

Sermon Text

Romans 12:9-21

Sermon "The Good Kind of Head Coaled"

1. Not just anyone who irritates or annoys me qualifies as

_____ .

2. The real enemy comes from the sin that resides like an infection

_____ .

3. But the Lord has coals _____ .

The Lord Our God Has Coals for Cleansing Instead of Consuming.

4. Jesus has become the burning coals that render

_____ .

5. If it works *on* you, it also works _____ .

Hymn 846 "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

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.

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.



☐ A - men.

Closing Hymn 848 "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

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Altar Flowers are given today by the Knepper family in thanksgiving for the Lord's abundant grace given to us through His word and sacraments as Todd and Eric are welcomed into the body of Christ and join our St. Paul's family through baptism and confirmation.

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: 8/9, 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.

Calendar of Events

TODAYSeptember 3, 2023

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

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Scrip Day

MON: Labor Day – No School

TUES:

WED:

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 am

Day School Chapel 11:00 am

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am

PTL Meeting – Jerusalem Room 3:30-4:30 pm

FRI:

Preschool Chapel 9:30 am

Lego Club – Bethany Room..... 3:00-4:00 pm

Euchre Party..... 7:00 pm

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAYSeptember 10, 2023

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

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

Bell Choir Practice 5:00 pm

Adult Choir Practice 6:00 pm

Today is the last day to sign up for LifeLight in order to have books before the first class on September 13th. There are pink sign-up sheets next to the offering box if you need one. Please join us as we study the first half of Matthew (chapters 1-13).

Your generous outpouring of food for the Grace Food Pantry during the month of August was overwhelming!! You donated 1023 pounds of food!! We were able to deliver that, along with 156 reusable grocery bags, on Aug. 21st. Before we left, the processing had already begun so the food could be available for distribution on August 23rd. **THANK YOU!!**

Voters’ Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Monday, August 28, Voters’ Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain information about the activities and future plans of the various boards of our congregation. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, or an electronic copy please contact Ken Eichinger.

Special Concerns: That we, recognizing our own tendencies toward enmity, will regard and engage neighbors and even perceived enemies with the compassion received in Christ Jesus.

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.

If you'd like to praise and glorify our Triune God through the gift of flowers for the altar, there are still 9 opportunities available between September 3rd and December 31st. Sign-up is by the Altar Guild room.

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 next 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 @ 574-536-4648 (call or text) if you have questions.

Mother / Daughter Fun Night – September 14th at 7:00 pm. You are invited to our 2nd Annual Mother / Daughter Fun Night on September 14th at 7:00 pm. Those attending will get to play bingo and enjoy delicious snacks! If you don't have a mother or daughter, please come and we will pair you with someone. The men of the congregation will be serving you! **Please sign up on the "Check It Out" board by September 10th.** We have an admission charge of two wrapped white elephants to enter this event. Ladies, please come out for a night of FUN!!!

The Evangelism Board and helpers were able to pack and deliver 49 Welcome Bags to new households in Bremen on Monday, August 21. Thank you to all who donated items, made items, packed bags, helped deliver said bags and prayed! We will be delivering again on Monday, November 13 at 5 pm. Please watch for ways you can help in the October Epistle and bulletins. To God be the glory!

Hope Ministries Meal is September 15th! We will meet at church at 4:00 pm. If you want to help with the meal, please sign up on the “Check It Out” board. We also need your help with the supplies for the meal. We need medium pasta shells (50 pounds of them) and pasta sauce (50 + jars). Please place these items on the table in the narthex marked Hope and add us to your prayers for a blessed dinner for our neighbors to the north. **Cookies or Cakes are needed for the Hope Ministries Meal on September 15th.** Please bring them to the church kitchen by 4:00 pm on September 15th; thanks!

We Need You! Our Euchre Parties start again on Friday, September 8th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Anyone 16 and older can join us for fun and fellowship, and please bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided. Come and bring a friend! Future dates for 2023 are October 13th and November 10th. This is a Parish Fellowship sponsored event.

YOUTH NEWS

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.

SCHOOL CORNER

St. Paul’s School is off to a good start! Our theme for this school year is “Connected”, from John 15:1-5, reminding us that we are connected to God and each other. The students and staff are decorating puzzle piece people to assemble into a surprise puzzle for all of us to enjoy! Stay tuned!

Here are some ways we are connecting in the school:

The 5-6th Grades are learning in the DARE program how to take care of their bodies, watch out for each other, and the dangers of substance abuse.

The school celebrated College Colors Day, dressing in their favorite college’s colors, playing kickball, and having ice cream!

The first LEGO Club is September 8th, after school, where the students get to work together and build LEGO creations.

The next PTL meeting is Thursday, the 7th, at 3:30- a chance for all school parents and grandparents to support the school together.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the staff and students!

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.

Servants for Today's Worship September 3, 2023

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Larry Britt & Paul Wonnacott

Acolyte: Jessica Rogers

Elder: Bill Rogers

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship September 10, 2023

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Austin Nielsen & Jim Mitchell

Acolyte: Gabriel Mejia

Elder: Larry Britt

Communion Assistant: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

For those who would like to give their offerings to the Lord electronically, a QR code, like the one below, will be posted next week in the Narthex. More information on the location will be in next week's bulletin.

