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Today we celebrate the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and all the service that they do for the Lord and His Church through their mission work.

We welcome everyone to God's House this morning!

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.

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.

Will you answer His call?

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvest waiting - who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?

(Hymn 827 LSB)

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

Bell Choir "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Opening Hymn 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

✠ 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, 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 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 ✠

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

LSB 204



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

Hymn 527 "O Savior, Precious Savior"

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You did not spare Your own Son but gave Him up for us all. Grant that by faith we may trust in Your promises and live according to Your will; 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

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
³and many peoples shall come, and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that He may teach us His ways
and that we may walk in His paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 24:7–10

P ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C ⁸**Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the
LORD, mighty in battle!**

P ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C ¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, He is the King
of glory!**

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 This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 2:4–10

⁴As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are

God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Matthew 11:25–30

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

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

²⁵At 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; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. ²⁷All 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. ²⁸Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

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 † everlasting.
Amen.**

Hymn 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Sermon Text

Psalm 24:7-10

Sermon "The King is Coming"

LWML Hymn "Serve the Lord With Gladness"

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

--Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz; Tune: 518 LW, 662 LSB

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.

Installation of Officers

LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

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

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

Closing Hymn 653 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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LWML Mission

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of our Heavenly Father, who pursues us to be His dear children, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us with His precious blood, and to the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies us through the waters of Holy Baptism. Blessed be the Holy Trinity. He has called us by name. We are His.

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: 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.

South Bend Zone Rally, LWML is Today, October 1, at Redeemer, Warsaw (1720 E. Center Street). Registration 1:30 pm. Program 2:00 pm: speaker Renea Snyder of Beaman Home (domestic abuse shelter). **Ingathering: College style bathroom caddies, small round laundry baskets, large heavy duty trash bags, small disposable cups, small disposable condiment cups with lids, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, liquid fabric softener, coffee, creamer, paper towels, Food Saver-Vacuum Food Sealer bags.**

Light supper afterward (donation requested). All ladies are invited.

LWML, October 2, at St Paul's, 7:00 pm, Bethany Room. Speaker: Joseph Collins, AD, Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana. **OPEN TO THE CONGREGATION** (yes, men, too!). Refreshments afterward.

Calendar of Events

TODAY ~ LWML Sunday ~ October 1st, 2023

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Scrip Day	
LWML Zone Rally – Redeemer, Warsaw	1:30 pm
Adult Basketball.....	2:00-4:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm

MON:

Shepherding the Strays Workshop.....	5:30 pm
LWML-Speaker Joseph Collins.....	7:00 pm

TUES:

WED:

School Picture Day	
Men’s Breakfast Bible Study	6:30 am
Day School Chapel	11:00 am
PTL Meeting	5:00 pm
LifeLight	6:45-8:15 pm
6th-8th Grade Band Concert	7:00 pm

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study.....	9:30 am
New Member 2.0 Class.....	7:00 pm

FRI:

Preschool Chapel	9:30 am
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SAT:

NEXT SUNDAY October 8, 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

The Hospitality Group will be making pork roast, mashed potatoes & gravy, and apple crisp on Wednesday, October 11th for our church and community shut-ins. We usually pack around 50 meals and are in need of donations of unseasoned pork roast, potatoes, and apple crisp ingredients. Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase items. Please see Beth Enders or Sandie Schooler if you have any questions. Once again, thank you to everyone for your donations. May the Lord continue to bless you as you have been a blessing to others with your generosity.

The October-December Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living devotionals are now available in the tract rack located in the Narthex.

We Need You! Our Euchre Parties continue Friday, October 13th 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! This is a Parish Fellowship sponsored event.

Updated Church Directories are in the Narthex. Get ‘em while they’re hot because they’ll probably be outdated by tomorrow!

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Community Service: On Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 pm, our Youth Group will be volunteering at the Bremen Bags organization putting together food items for future distribution to children in our community. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Youth to give back to those around us, as Christ outlines in speaking with his followers in Matthew 25 (the basis for our devotion at our recent Youth Nights). We will also donate the peanut butter we have collected at our Youth Nights when we help on this evening. More information to come in the weeks ahead.

SCHOOL CORNER

Check out the **puzzle project** located by Principal Miller’s office in the school hallway! Since our school theme for 2023-24 is “Connected”, the students and staff of the preschool and day school have decorated puzzle pieces representing our connection to each other and Christ. Thank you, Heidi Wildauer, for overseeing this project!

Thank you for attending the picnic last Sunday. Even though it was a bit warm, a good time was had by all!

If you would like to further connect with the students by volunteering in the school, please contact Mr. Nathan Miller. We are looking for assistance with Reading, Math, Writing (K and 1st), driving in the morning for band, backup Chapel pianist on Weds (11:00 am), and additional cleaning assistance once a week. **We appreciate all help our volunteers provide!** Volunteers do have to have a background check (school provided).

We thank you for your continued prayers this school year.

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 October 1, 2023

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

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Mark Wildauer & Curt Nielsen

Acolyte: Avery Cannon

Elder: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship October 8, 2023

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Bruce Augustine & Eric Thornton

Acolyte: Kamden & Kellan Guse

Elder: Mike Gumz

Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz



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St. Paul's PTL in conjunction with
Bourbon Street Pizza and *Subway* in Downtown Bourbon
 And *Bourbon Street Pizza of Nappanee* at
 1411 East Market St. in Nappanee


**Will host a fundraiser on
 Monday, October 24, 2023 - all day.**

Present this coupon at the restaurant of your choice and St. Paul's
 PTL will receive the percentage listed on the coupon for the sales
 from your patronage that day!

**You must present a coupon when you pay your bill
 for St. Paul's PTL to receive credit!**

This coupon may be copied. Give copies to all your friends and
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Questions??? Call the school office at 546-2790



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