



**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the
upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 3:14

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On the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, God reminds us that He has chosen us to be His own. Yet we often disregard the direction He gives us and do not follow His will by producing the fruits of our faith. Therefore, we confess to Him our sinfulness and revel in the grace and mercy He is ever ready to extend to us willingly and abundantly.

We welcome all to 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.

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.

But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.” ~Isaiah 43:1 ~

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. ~ Ephesians 4:4-6 ~

Baptismal Hymn 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

Holy Baptism of Elena Grace Flores Tinkey

Hymn 814 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

✠ 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.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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 118:22-24; antiphon: v. 1

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

C **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

- P** The stone that the builders rejected
- C** **has become the cornerstone.**
- P** This is the LORD's doing;
- C** **it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- P** This is the day that the LORD has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- C** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

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*)



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness 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.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my Beloved
my love song concerning His vineyard:
My Beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
He built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and He looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between Me and My vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for My vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to My vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are His pleasant planting;
and He looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 91:11, 103:1

P He will command His angels concerning you

C **to guard you in all your ways.**

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³³Jesus said: "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to Him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

☐ **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 566 "By Grace I'm Saved"

Sermon Text

Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon "Redeemed, Restored, Crowned"

1. The apostle Paul was, and we are indeed _____
_____ !
2. Now redeemed by God in Christ, we are restored to a life of
pressing toward _____ .
3. Paul knew and we know that while going forward in this life,
running the race will be difficult, but we will receive the
_____ !

Hymn 912 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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*)

- 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 (*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.

Hymn 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Hymn 629 "What Is This Bread"

Hymn 628 "Your Table I Approach"

Hymn 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

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

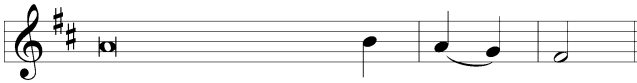


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son 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,



G 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)



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 861 "Christ Be My Leader"

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The vase of flowers is donated by the Tinkey family in thanksgiving to God for the birth of Elena Grace Flores and her new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism today.

Calendar of Events

TODAYOctober 8th, 2023

- Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
- Worship Service..... 9:30 am
- Bell Choir Practice..... 5:00 pm
- Adult Choir Practice 6:00 pm

MON:

TUES:

WED:

- Day School Chapel 11:00 am
- Assemble Hospitality Meals 9:00 am
- LifeLight 6:45-8:15 pm

THURS:

- Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
- Preschool Chapel 9:30 am
- 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 5:00 pm
- 2nd Thursday Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
- New Member 2.0 Class..... 7:00 pm

FRI:

- Grandparent's/Special Guest Day Chapel at 11:00 am
- Euchre Night 7:00 pm

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAYOctober 8, 2023

- Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
- Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
- Adult Basketball..... 2:00-4:00 pm
- Bell Choir Practice..... 5:00 pm
- Adult Choir Practice 6:00 pm

There are still a few October-December Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living devotionals available in the tract rack located in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one.

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.

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

2nd Thursday Bible Study will meet Thursday in the Bethany Room. We will be studying the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-9; 14-20)

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.

For those who would like to give their offerings to the Lord electronically, there is a QR Code link posted next to the offering box in the Narthex.

Our LWML speaker on Alzheimer's & dementia left tracts and booklets from REAL Services resources and programs for any wishing such info. These are in the tract rack in the Narthex. Also, Mr. Collins left 4 packets with this info plus helps for dealing with loved ones receiving this diagnosis. These BLUE folders are on top of the mailboxes in the narthex.

Thank you to all who helped with the Parish Fellowship Oktoberfest table. A total of \$463.67 was raised for Riley Children's Hospital from the free will offering. A special thank you to members of the Evangelism Committee who helped set up and decorate the booth.

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Community Service: On Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 pm, our Youth Group will be volunteering at the Bremen Bags organization (just behind the ambulance station and ACE Hardware here in Bremen) 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. Plan for Youth to meet on site just before 6:30 pm. Contact Andy Wildauer if there are any questions.

SCHOOL CORNER

We are preparing for Grandparents'/Special Guests' Day on Friday, October 13th. Activities will start with Chapel at 11:00am, include pizza and salad for lunch, and end with games and crafts in the afternoon. If you would like to fill-in as a "Grandparent" for a student who may not have one, contact the school and we will match you with someone!

We are also looking for volunteers in the school to assist 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 the help our volunteers provide!** Please contact Mr. Nathan Miller or the school office if you are interested. 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.



St. Paul's PTL in conjunction with
Bourbon Street Pizza and *Subway* in Downtown Bourbon
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**Will host a fundraiser on
 Monday, October 24, 2023 - all day.**

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Questions??? Call the school office at 546-2790



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Servants for Today's Worship October 8, 2023

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Bruce Augustine & Wayne Spicher

Acolyte: Kamden & Kellan Guse

Elder: Mike Gumz

Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship October 15, 2023

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

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Acolyte: Alexis Andrews

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